THE FAIR PLAY.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE Illinois Central Railroad has purchased the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad, sold under foreclosure on the 18th. The amount paid was \$1,050,000, in addition to which the purchaser assumes all the liabilities of the bankrupt road.

THE New Hampshire Congressional elections resulted in the choice of Jones, Democrat, in the First District, by a plurality of 45, and of Briggs and Blair, Republicans, in the Second and Third Districts, by about 1,200 plurality each.

WASHINGTON specials give currency to a report that a movement is on foot to elect Foster (Rep.), of Ohio, Speaker of the new House, by the aid of such Southern Democrats as are friendly to the Hayes Administration.

SECRETARY OF WAR MCCRARY has issued a circular announcing that hereafter in his department removals will only be made for cause and promotions ordered solely on the ground of

PROF. C. V. RILEY, State Entomologist of Missouri, Prof. Cyrus Thomas, State Entomologist of Illinois, and Dr. A. S. Packard, of the American Naturalist, Mass., have been appointed a United States Entomologist Commisto inquire into the habits sion, and character of grasshoppers destructive other which have created for sects. several years so much ravage in the agricultural districts of the West. The commission will have its headquarters at Washington in Prof. Hayden's office, and their Western office, in which the larger part of the indoor work is to be done, at St. Louis. Prof. Riley will occupy himself more particularly with the whole country east of the mountains and south of the 48th parallel; also the west half of Iowa and the whole of British America. Professor Thomas takes Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota and East Wyoming, while Professor Packard will make Montana, West Wyoming and the Pacific slope his special field. The natural history, remedies, prevention measures, the meteorological and geographical bearings of the subject, etc., will also be divided and allotted to facilitate the work of the Commission.

ABOUT noon on the 21st, a stranger entered the Indiana National Bank of Indianapolis, carrying a large box wrapped with paper and fastened by cords. The attaches of the bank were behind the counters, but in the rear part of the room and in plain sight. floor, jumped upon it and reached over the counter railing and grabbed a number of packages and bills and made his escape. The bank claims the loss to be fully \$25,000. A reward of \$5,000 is offered for the arrest of the thief and the return of the money.

A DELEGATION of colored men called upon the President, on the 21st, and thanked him for having appointed Mr. Douglass as Marshal of the District. The President, in reply, said that in making appointments under his administration no discrimination should be made on account of color, and should any public officer having positions to bestow make any such discrimination he would consider it sufficient cause for his removal. In conclusion, he referred to his policy of reconci iation and expressed his confidence in its success.

WASHINGTON dispatches of the 21st state that, as the result of numerous Cabinet conferences, a decision has been reached to send a commission of prominent men to Louisiana before taking final action in the affairs of that State.

Ir has been decided by the President and Cabinet that an extra session of Congress shall be called for about thankful to you for this kind reception. June 4.

THE Cabinet, on the 22d, came to the conclusion, in the South Cardina case. not to remove the troops at present, but allow them to remain under the orders heretofore issued by ex-President Grant to maintain the status quo. The same conclusion was reached as to Louisiana, till such time as a Commission to investigate the situation in that State shall have been decided upon.

THE special Legislative committee appointed to investigate the late Ash. tabula disaster, submitted their report on the 22d, accompanied by a vast

going into details showing the imperfections in the bridge, report the following as their conclusions: 1. There were from 80 to 100 lives lost by the failure of the bridge. 2. The bridge went down under an ordinary load, by reason of defects in its original construction. 3. The defects in the original construction of the bridge could have been discovered at any time after its erection by a careful analytical inspection, such as the importance of the structure demanded, State-house and thus the sacrifice of life and property prevented.

WHEN the Senate adjourned there was a number of nominations left unconfirmed, particularly those of Democrats for Marshal and District-Attorney | be dismissed the service. of Tennessee and Postmaster at Petersburg, Va., they having been objected to by Republicans. The President has decided to reappoint these men, and they will hold over at least until the extra session, when, if they are not confirmed, other persons will be appointed.

THE South Carolina question was again under consideration in the Cabinet on the 23d, the result being that the President was advised to request the presence of both Hampton and Chamberlain at Washington on an early day. Accordingly, the President caused his secretary, Mr. Rodgers, to address the two gentlemen a letter, inviting them to come, in order that, through a personal interview, he might arrive at a just conclusion as to the affairs of the State. In case of inability or indisposition to accede to the summons, the President requested, in his letter, such written communications as the two claimants to the Governorship of South Carolina might see fit to forward.

JOHN D. LEE, convicted of the Mountain Meadows (Utah) massacre, 20 a. m., on the 28d, in execution of his sentence. Mountain Meadows is about 90 miles from Beaver, 45 miles from Cedar City, and about 12 miles from Pine Valley, the nearest telegraph office. Lee made a full confession before his death, in which he charged Brigham Young and other leading Mormons with the instigation of the journed sine die on the 231.

SEVERAL Generals of the original Diaz revolutionists in Mexico have retegrating. The people talk of calling shall have been appointed. Lerdo back. Congress met daily for a fortnight, recently, but a quorum was unattainable. Landero was appointed Secretary of the Treasury; Mat Minister to Washington, and Riva Palacto Minister to Berlin. It is reported that a number of higher officers want to proclaim Diaz military dictator.

A CHICO (Cal.) dispatch says the per-Chinese have been arrested. They are be desirable in the personal interests of the three men, Stainbrook, Conway and ticable. 5. Your observation as to existing Roberts. Two other men named Ames abuses, if any there be, and as to the remetion with the Chinese trouble. Six of Your report will serve as a basis of a future the arrested parties are reported to be- examination. long to the Order of Caucasians.

On the 26th, the Secretary of War sent General Augur the following:

GEN. C. C. AUGUR, New Orleansmmission will shortly visit Louisians. In the meantime the President desires that the situation remain unchanged. Please report what changes in the situation, if any, have occurred since the close of the late administration.

W. McCRARY, [Signed] Secretary of War. R. B. HAYES.

GOVERNOR HAMPTON, of South Carolina, has accepted the President's invitation to visit Washington, and left Columbia on the 27th for the former

Ex-PRESIDENT GRANT visited the Chamber of Commerce at Cincinnati, on the 26th, and was enthusiastically received by the members. The ex-President delivered an address as fol-

GENTLEMEN: - This reception was entirely unexpected by me, but I assure you I am very glad to meet you all, and feel very I have no doubt but I will be a great dea better fellow now than I was six months ago. I don't suppose I will have any political opponents now, since we are all sovereigns together, as I hope we will continue to be for a great many years yet. I feel that I have considerable life, health and strength left, notwithstanding the sixteen years of labor and toil I have undergone, which perhaps is not surpassed by any other sixteen years of my life.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

WM. HAYES, a San Francisco attorney and a notorious bully, on the 17th managing editor of the Alta-California of the willful murder of John P. Wilson, amount of testimony, which was or- which to sign a retraction of an item which tenced to penal servitude for life.

dered printed. The committee, after appeared in the Alta. The result was that Hayes was badly battered, knocked down and had his pistol taken from him by Mc-Comb, who then turned him over to the police. The valiant editor was given a grand complimentary dinner by the fraternity for his courageous action.

STANLEY MATTHEWS was on the 20th elected United States Senator from Obio, in place of Sherman, resigned. The Democrats made no nomination.

the 19th, for the purpose of ousting Packard and his adherents from the Louisiana the streets. Several were wounded-

MAJOR RENO, U. S. A., has recently been tried by court-martial at St. Paul for attempting to take improper liberties with Mrs. Bell, the wife of a brother officer. The evidence was apparently conclusive as to his guilt, and it is intimated that he will

J. W. MARSHALL, First Assistant loss will probably aggregate \$40,000. Postmaster-General, who gave way to Mr. Tyner, has been appointed Superintendent of Railway Mail Service, with headquarters in Washington.

JUDGE REED, of the South Carolina Circuit Court, has rendered a decision in a habeas corpus case affirming the title of Hampton as Governor.

E. B. WASHBURNE, United States Minister at Paris, was called upon at Washington, on the 21d, by a committee of Germans, who presented him with resolutions thanking him for services to their countrymen during the Pranco-Prussian war.

THE Catholic members of the British | rado-Thomas Parliament have resolved to present an address to the Pope on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his Episcopate. Probably the deputation will go to Rome to make the resentation.

AT Hartford, Conn., George Gregory fatally shot his wife, the night of the 20th. Cause, jealousy.

WM. A. WAKEFIELD, alias Dr. Rad phael, of Cincinnati, husband of a former notorious astrologer, known as Madame Raphael, took five ounces of laudanum, on the 30th, and died on the following day. The cause of the suicide is not known-

THE Pennsylvania Legislature, on the 21st, duly elected J. Donald Cameron Unitvears ago, was shot at that place at 11 ed States Senator as successor to his father, Simon Cameron, resigned.

A. OAKEY HALL, ex-Mayor of New York City, mysteriously disappeared Friday evening, the 16th, and has not been heard from since. He was a prominent lawyer and a fournalist of note.

ANOTHER outbreak of the rinderpest has occurred at Hull, England.

THE Pennsylvania Legislature ad-

MINISTER E. B. WASHBURNE has requested, after a service of 8 years as envoy to France, to be relieved, and his request has been granted by the President. He signed. The party is rapidly disen- will serve, however, until his successor

THE following letter has been addressed by Secretary Schurz to all the heads of bureaus in the Interior Department:

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20. SIR: I desire you to report to me in writing at as early a day as possible on the following points: 1. The organization, distribution and methods of business of your bureau. 2. The force employed and the character of their em oyment in detail. 3. sons engaged in the late massacre of the The efficacy of that force, giving two boys by the name of Slaughter, and service. 4. What reduction may be pracand Wright were also arrested on a dies to be applied. 6. Your views as to charge of arson, presumably in connec- changes, if any that may be desirable, in

Very respectfully, C. SCHURZ,

Secretary. Geo. L. Whiting, the head bookkeeper of the Brooklyn Bank, was arrested on the 28d, charged with having robbed the bank of \$160,000. In the valise which he carried at the time was found \$120,000. leaving \$40,000 una ecounted for-

THE first Monday-in June has been appointed for the trial of Peter B. Sweeney. the "Brains" of the Tammany Ring.

THE Russian fleet, with Grand Duke Alexis and Constantine on board, arrived at New York on the 234. Salutes were exchanged as the forts and the American war steamers were passed.

EX-PRESIDENT GRANT left Washington, the night of the 24th, for Cincinnati, where he will remain for four or five days, and then will visit Chicago, and thence Ga-

COL. C. T. CRITTENDEN, first doorkeeper of the Virginia House of Delegates, was arrested on the 26th, on a charge of defrauding the State by raising the certificates of the members' per diem, and sent to the Grand Jury for indictment. His counsel waiving a preliminary examination, the prisoner was committed to jail without bail.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

A daily mail service between Hot Creek, Wy. T., and Deadwood. D. T., a distance of 120 miles, will be commenced on April 1, and a tri-weekly service between Kearney, Neb., and Deadwood, 330 miles,

Edward Wells, the negro who murdered Wm. O'Brien in Burke County. Ga., was taken from the jail at Waynesboro on the night of the 20th, and lynched by a crowd of unknown men. Wells confessed he murdered O'Brien to obtain possession of his goods and money.

Ben Fillicky, regarded as the worst threatened to kill Gen. John McComb, desperado in Kentucky, has been convicted newspaper, giving him five minutes in of Oldham County, a year ago, and senLeipsic as the seat of the Imperial Court-

Shaw, Petersen & Co., a Chicago banking firm, suspended on the 21st. Their depositors are principally Scandinavians. The extent of the failure is not

At Berlin, on the 20th, a large crowd of laborers attacked a number of rallway laborers from Posen, because the latter accepted lower wages. The police supported LEGAL proceedings were instituted the Poseners, but were repulsed. A comon the part of the Nicholla Government, on pany of infantry was ordered out, and, with some of the mounted pelice, cleared

A fire at Pittsburgh (Pa.), on the night of 22d, destroyed the stable of Weldon & Kelly, on Virgin Alley, just below Wood Street, and, spreading rapidly, destroyed also the furnace and range manufactory of the same firm, J. G. Bennett & Co.'s hat manufactory and store-house. and four small tenement houses. Total

Sunday night, the 18th, four men, all drinking, entered the house of a widow woman in Sebastian County (Ark.) and remained all night, each one gratifying his brutal passions by force. The woman died" next day. She leaves four children.

Following is a list of contested seats in the next House of Representatives which will be convened in special session June 4: Alabama-Jere Haralson, Rep., against C. M. Shelly, Dem. California-Peter W. Wigginton, Dem., against Rolando Pacheco, Rep.; Wm. G. Piper, Dem., against Horace Davis, Rep. W. Patterson, Dem .. B. Beiford, Florida-H. M. Davidson, Dem., Wm. J. Parman, Rep.; Jere J. Finley, Dem., against Horatio Brisbee, Jr., Rep. Illinois-John H. Hungate, Dem., against B. F. Marsh, Rep.; Benjamin T. Wiley, Rep., against William Hartzell, Dem. Louisiana-J. S. Acklin, Dem., against C. B. Darrall, Rep.; James Elmer, Dem., against George F. Smith, Rep.; Edward W. Roberts, Dem., against Charles E. Nash, Bepublican. Massachusetts-Benjamin Dean, Democrat, against Welbridge A. Field, Republican. Missouri -Robt. G. Frost, Dem., against Lyne S. Meteaife, Rep. Oregon-Lemuel Mc-Dowell, Dem., against Richard Williams, Rep. Pennsylvania-James B. Cutting, Rep., against James B. Riley, Dem. South Carolina-L. Carpenter, Rep., against D. Wyatt Alken, Dem.; J. L. Richardson, Dem., against J. S. Rainey. Rep.; Tilman, Dem., against Robt. Small, Rep. Tennessee-W. M. Randolph. Rep., against Carey H. Young, Dem. Virginia -Joseph Segar, Rep., against John Goode, Jr., Dem.; W. E. Hunton, Dem., against James Jorgensen. Rep. In two States, Louisiana and Florida, there are double sets of certificates which agree in some of the names and disagree in others. In South Carolina only one set has been

A dispatch from Red Cloud Agency, received at Gen. Sheridan's headquarters, says Spotted Tail has been heard from, and that he is going to complete his mission of peace to the hostiles. He had been delayed by bad weather and the poor condition of his borses.

W. Maxwell and a son, aged 16, stockmen, lately of Stuart, Ia., located in Colfax County, New Mexico, were murdered on the 23d by a negro, who has since been captured at Trinidad, Col. Robbery was probably the cause, as Maxwell was supposed to have had money with him.

In New York City, the afternoon of bound his wife to a chair in which she was face by a free application of vitriol.

A lady named Armstrong and her son 26th, near the Railroad Depot, at Little

Two Dog Stories.

A little dog belonging to Mr. Isaac Roberts, of Middletown, for some days past had seen members of the family go to the barn for eggs. Thursday he was seen coming from the barn to the house with a rooster in full chase. The dog got in ahead and deposited an egg upon the floor. He probably thought he could save the family the trouble of going to the barn for eggs in future.-Hartford Post.

A resident of Sacramento is the proprietor of a dog and a cat, which are friends, and appear to have much pleasure in each other's society. They play together, eat together, and bunt together. Yesterday they were each given a piece of meat The dog swallowed her's at one gulp, but the cat proceeded more slowly, the dog meanwhile standing by with a countenance which bore evidence of a willingness amounting to anxiety to help the feline with the job in hand. The cat, however, would not be assisted, but growled determinedly whenever the dog approached too close. The latter looked on reflectingly for a minute longer, but suddenly was seized with an idea. A few yards distant was a knot-hole at which they had been accustomed to watch for rats and mice. Running to this hole the canine commenced a brisk scratching and vigorous barking, as though a whole colony of rats were in sight. The cat ran to the hole to assist in a capture, and the dog completed her strategical demonstration by swallowing the meat .- Sacramento Union.

HULLO! five feet of snow in Pesth. Where's Count Schouvaloff?

The German Reichstag has fixed upon A Queer Story-Riches Fron The Skies.

At about 4 o'clock on the morning of the 7th of January, says the Eureka (Nev.) Sentinel, an immeuse body, glowing with intense brilliancy, came rushing across the face of heaven, illuminating the earth with the light of day. It traveled in an oblique diffetion, from the southwest to the northwest, and instantaneously a shock was felt that almost threw the few spectators at that early hour from their feet.

About ten days age Mr. Wheeler, who cultivates a ranch in Diamond Valley, and who is also in the stock business, came into town and left a most remarkable substance with an assayer. Mr. Wheeler had a swattering of metallurgical knowledge, and, it seems, had tested the compound with a blow-pipe and other means within his reach, and detected the presence of the precious metals, but was unable to determine the value.

The piece submitted to the assayer was about as large as a hen's egg, and immediately attracted his attention by its unusual weight and peculiar color, it being of a purplish-black shade, and where it had been broken off the main body presenting a laminated stratification that he failed to recognize. Mr. Wacke expended the whole night in a series of experiments, applying every known test to the article, and detecting the presence of iron, nickel, cadmium, lead, silver, gold, zinc, cobalt, silica and phosphorus. There was also a residuum to each assay, of which Prof. Wacke was unable to determine the properties, but he hopes by the use of the spectroscope to classify it.

A surprising feature of the ore is excessive malieability and ductility, a small portion of it being reduced by hammering to a film not exceeding onehundredth of an inch in thickness. He has sent a portion of it to the San Francisco Academy of Sciences, and also to Prof. Silliman of New Haven, and in the mean time is prosecuting his researches. Prof. Wacke has found that the substance will reach \$387 in silver and \$12 in gold per ton.

The strangest part of the story remains to be told; and, now that Mr. Wheeler has duly recorded his claim and perfected the title, we feel at liberty to disclose the facts. On the morn ing of the 7th of January, Mr. Wheeler awas almost thrown from his bed by a violent shock. Getting up and looking out of the window, he observed at the foot of the mountain an immen-e mass glowing at a white heat and of intense brightness. Hastily dressing, he approached as near as possible, and found that the object lay just at the foot of the Diamond Mountain range, but the heat was so great that he could not go within 1,000 yards of the spot.

He kept his own counsel, and made repeated attempts to reach it, but did not succeed until the 14th inst., when ficiently to allow his to break off the portion brought to sleeping, and then cruelly disfigured her town. The main body will measure about 60 feet in height, 87 feet in width, and is 313 feet in length. These are were burned to death the evening of the the proportions of the body visible, and it is probable that as much more is imbedded in the earth. Mr. Wheeler calculates that there are at least 2,000,000 tons in sight, and if it will work anywhere near the assay he will extract an immense sum from the mass.

THE MARKETS.

ST LOUIS, March 27, 1877.

BEEVES—Choice, \$5.40.25.20; Good to Prime, \$4.9.45.25; Cows and Heifers, \$2.40.24.00; Corn-Fe1 Texans, \$2.25.24.60.

Hoos—Shipping, \$4.50.25.10.

SHEEP—Common to Fancy, \$2.50.25.75.

FLOUE—Choice Country, \$7.25.27.40; XXX, \$6.736.20.

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\$1.4961.494
CORN-No. 2 Mixel, 38638c.
OATS-No. 2, 55% 659c.
RYE-No. 2, 55% 659c.
RYE-No. 2, 57% 6

NEW YORK.
BEEVES-Native Steers, \$3.00x12 00.
SHEEP-Common to Choice, \$5.25x7.50.
HOGS-Live, none.
Floure-Good to Choice, \$6.15x6.30.
WHEAT-No. 2 Chicago, \$4.145x1.15.
CORN-Western Mixed, Ungraded, 55x55x4.
OATS-Western Mixed, 3xx55c.
COTTON-Middling, 11xc.

CHICAGO.

BEEVES—Common to Choice, \$5.2745.50.

HOGS—Common to Choice, \$5.2045.50.

SHEEP—\$3.7546.30.

FLOUR—Choice Winter, \$7.5548.00; Ghoice Spring Extra, \$4.5047.00.

WHEAT—Spring, No. 2, \$1.27 & 1.274.3

Spring, No. 3, \$1.1621.18.

CORS—No. 2, \$283246.

RYE—So. 2, \$64,2656.

PORK—Mess, \$13.2 & 13.50

LARD—Per cws PORK-Mess, \$13.2 613.50. LARD-Per cwt., \$9.0069.20.

KANSAS CITY.

BEEVES—Native Steers, \$3.25@5.00; Native lows, \$2.25@3.75.

Hogs—\$3.75@4.55.

NEW ORLEANS.
FLOUR—Choice Family, \$8.2548.75.
CORN—White, 506.5tc.
OATS—St. Louis, 434465.
HAV—Prime, \$17.754.8.60.
PORK—New Mess, \$15.02., \$15.75.
BACON—\$4 294c.
COTTON—Midding, 114c.